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THE FEAST OF THE WHEEL

At this time of year, the sun is at the lowest point of its apparent path through the sky. Soon it will reverse its journey towards the southern horizon and again climb higher in the heavens. To the ancient peoples of the northern temperate zone, where our civilization originated, this return of the sun was a time of great hope. When the sun passed the solstice, and again stood higher and higher at successive noontimes, it was a sign of hope that the warm days of spring would again return.

Inevitably, a religious significance was given to this time of the year when the sun is "reborn". The peoples who regarded the sun as a god celebrated the birth of the god. The somewhat more sophisticated cultures who envisaged the heavens as a huge turning wheel called this time "The Feast of the wheel", as the sun slowly began turning back towards the north. The celebration of this holiday with a great feast had a practical aspect, too; it was the time to slaughter all the livestock for which there was not grain enough to last out the winter.

Different cultures ascribed, and continue to ascribe, different interpretations to this festival whose roots are fixed so deeply in the nature of sun-loving man. The ancient Persians celebrated this feast as the birthday of Mithra, the son and champion of the great god Ahuramazda, and god of the sun. For the Romans it was the Saturnalia, in memory of the reign of Good King Saturnus. In the northern nations, which most of all treasured the return of the sun, it was called Yule or Hogmanay. The Jews celebrate this season as Chanukah, in memory of the days when the Makabi family overthrew the tyranny of the Antiochid dynasty. For Christians it marks the birth of God as a man.

But, before and beyond the meaning that particular religions give to the season, it remains the Feast of the wheel, when the northern face of the Earth again begins to turn towards the sun, and a promise is made which is fulfilled in the springtime. It is a holiday which belongs to all men, with or without religion, and it is as such a secular holiday that it is celebrated in our secular nation.

The gift-giving, the feasts, the family reunions are no part of any religious doctrine. They are the spontaneous and ancient reaction of mankind to this season of hope. The traditional giving of presents is an expression of this reaction. Mankind has long known that it is not merely "more blessed to give than receive" in an abstract spiritual sense, but it also feels better! What is more natural than to mark a holiday by indulging one's generosity?

So, to all readers of GRAUSTARK, a very happy holiday season and a New Year of peace and happiness.

- John Boardman

(The above holiday greetings are reprinted from POINTING VECTOR #13, 1962. The editor hopes that they will not unnecessarily disturb those Diplomacy fans who are "of the opinion that Diplomacy magazines are supposed to be vehicles for material connected with that game.")

1965Q

"Fall 1921"

LONGEST WAR GETS LONGER

Terry Kuch has pointed out a Diplomacy rule which your Gamesmaster had never encountered in play before, which makes it possible for a fleet adjacent to Spain's south coast to support an action on the north coast. Thus, the Turkish "Spring 1921" moves "F Lyo & F Wes S F Por-Spa(n.c.)" are valid. The Turkish move "F North Africa-Mid" did not succeed, and should have been underlined.

ENGLAND (Koning): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F North Atlantic-Mid; F Iri, F Eng, & F Bre S F North Atlantic-Mid; A Mar S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Ukr, A Liv, F Bal, A Sil, & A Mun hold; A Gas & A Bur S A Mar; A Ruh S A Mun; A Ber S A Sil; A War & A Mos S A Ukr.

TURKEY (Kuch): A Sev, F Bla, & A Tus hold; F Wes-Mid; F North Africa, F Spa(n.c.) S F Por S F Wes-Mid; A Tri-Vie; F Lyo S F Spa(n.c.); A Pie-Mar; A Tyr & A Gal S A Boh; A Boh, A Bud, & A Rum S A Gal; F Aeg-Ion; A Arm S A Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The situation around the Mid-Atlantic is a stand-off, since the Turkish fleet in the western Mediterranean and the English fleet in the North Atlantic were each ordered to move into the Mid-Atlantic with three supports.

The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers as at the end of "1920", so there are no builds or removals.

NEW TIMGAD: The French Government in exile today issues the following statement to the world:

"The noble King of England, he had a million men,

He marched them all around the board and marched them back again.

And when they were there they were there, and when they were back they were back,

And when they were only half way there they were neither there nor back."

HYDUNDERABAD: King Coprostone of Greece arrived here hurriedly, accompanied by his mother Queen Swastika and twenty-seven suitcases full of jewels. The unsettled political picture in Greece is believed to have caused his flight. It is reported that he hopes to get the advice of Spiros Preposterous in regaining his throne.

George Katatonikos, Greek consul in this tiny Indian state (and also proprietor of a grocery in the town of Swettypore) refused to comment on the King's arrival. "Besides, he ain't even a Greek," Katatonikos said. "He's a Dane or a German or something"

Queen Swastika was unavailable for comment. She is believed to be spending the weekend in Nepal with Spiros Preposterous.

1966AA

"Spring 1914"

NAPLES TRADED FOR MUNICH; BOTH SIDES GYPED

GERMANY (Latimer): F Bar, F Norwegian Sea, F Kie, & A Mos hold; F Liv-North Atlantic; F Wal-Eng; F Mid-Wes; A Por-Spa; A Spa-Mar; A Par-Bur; A Ruh-Mun; A Ber S A Ruh-Mun; A Pru-Sil; A Norway-St.P; A Nap fades into the hills.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): F Apu-Nap; A Rom S F Apu-Nap; F Tun-wes; A Smy-Ank; A Con S A Smy-Ank; F Eas & A Run hold; A Mun holds; F Aeg-Ion; A Tri-Ser; A Bud-Gal; A War-Ukr; A Vie-Tyr; A Ven-Pie.

RUSSIA (Turner): No moves received; F Sev holds.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): F Bla-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Naples is annihilated, and Austria-Hungary retreats A Mun-Boh. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER 1967. The Gamesmaster would appreciate it if conditional builds would be sent in also.

Press releases for this game begin on p. 5. Some have been held over for a later issue owing to insufficient space.

1967U

"Spring 1906"

RUSSIAN FLEET SHATTERED AT DOGGER BANK

ENGLAND (Maloney): F Cly-Edi.GERMANY (M. Miller): A Ruh-Kie; A Mun S A Ruh-Kie; A Liv-St.P; F Bel-North Sea; F Hol S
F Bel-North Sea; A Tyr-Boh; A Edi S ITALIAN F Iri-Liv.ITALY (Clark): F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F Iri-Liv; A Lon holds; A Por-Spa; F Tyr-
Tun; F Nap-Ion; F Apu S F Nap-Ion; A Ven not ordered, holds.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A Tri S A Vie; A Vie S RUSSIAN A Boh; F Tun S TURKISH F Ion.RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Ukr-Mos; A Gal-War; A Boh-Sil; F Norwegian Sea S ENGLISH F Cly-Edi;
A Den-Bel; F North Sea C A Den-Bal; F Ska-Den; F Caribbean-St. Thomas ((sic; no
such unit exists)).TURKEY (Beshara): A Bud-Gal; A Sev S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Mos; A Ser S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri;
A Con-Bul; F Bla-Con; F Ion holds; F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian fleet in the North Sea and the Turkish fleet in the Ionian Sea are dislodged and must retreat. Since each of these fleets has four spaces open to it for retreat, players will not be asked to submit "Fall 1906" moves conditional upon the direction of the retreat. Instead, Heap and Beshara are asked to send in their retreats as quickly as possible. Then all players will be informed, and a deadline will be set for "Fall 1906" moves.

Jim Latimer announces that from 15 December to 2 January, and from 18 to 28 January, his address will be 4011 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Md. 20023.

1967V

"Fall 1905"

EAST-WEST CONFLICT: ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIANS AGAINST GERMANIC POWERS AND OTTOMAN TURKS

Following "Spring 1905" moves, England retreated F Kie-Hol.

ENGLAND (Lebling): A Edi-Norway; F Bar & F Norwegian Sea S A Edi-Norway; F Hel-Kie; F
Hol S F Hel-Kie.FRANCE (Prosnitz): A Mun S ENGLISH F Hel-Kie; A Bur & A Ruh S A Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Tun S
F Tyr; F Tyr S ITALIAN F Nap; F North Sea C ENGLISH A Edi-Norway.GERMANY (M. Thomson): A Norway holds; A Swe S A Norway; A Sil-Mun; A Kie S A Sil-Mun;
F Den & F Ber S A Kie.

ITALY (Griffin): No moves received. A Rom & F Nap hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Gal-Ukr; A Boh & A Tyr S GERMAN A Sil-Mun; A Tri-Ven;
A Pie-Mar; F Alb S TURKISH F Gre-Ion.TURKEY (S. Heap): F Adr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Ven; F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Ion; F Eas S F
Gre-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Apu S F Ion-Nap; A St. P S GERMAN A Norway.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon. (4)
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa,
Tun. (8)
GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Nor, Swe, War. (6)
ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven,
Vie. (6)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, St.P,
Sev, Smy. (8)

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THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter XLXXXIX

Secret Agent O-O-Hate climbed out of Dr. Pourguerre's rocket and looked about the small room in which he found himself. This obviously wasn't the office of his superior Mac, who from a secret room deep in Washington directed the ceaseless struggle against the evil forces of World Peace.

While he was carefully examining the room for possible clues, a woman entered and immediately let out a shriek. O-O-Hate's reaction was instantaneous. He whipped out what looked like a Captain Midnight Code Ring, and doused her with a secret formula taken from a 1943 issue of Detective Comics. The woman shriveled up in mid-shriek, just as a victim of the Penguin had 24 years earlier, and O-O-Hate made his escape.

"Couldn't risk being discovered," he said to himself. "The International Pacifist Conspiracy has agents everywhere!"

"Hey! O-O-Hate!" a voice called. The secret agent whipped around, code ring recharged and at the ready. Then he lowered it as he recognized Dr. Pourguerre, the scientific genius of Mac's agency.

"I'm sorry, O-O-Hate, but there's been a slight malfunction in those war-surplus rockets I've been using. The workers must have been sabotaging them; Dr. Pilz was probably right when he deported them to Büchenwald. Instead of taking you to Mac's office, they landed you in the Ladies' Lounge of the War for Poverty headquarters."

"You mean War on Poverty, don't you?"

"No, this is a new program to which the appropriations and personnel of the War on Poverty have been transferred. We have to keep an adequate level of poverty in this country if young men are to be made so poorly off that they'll even join the army to escape."

"What's the big meeting about?" the secret agent asked Dr. Pourguerre as they headed for Mac's office.

"The agency has a problem with its image, and we've called in you as our best field agent to help us deal with it," the scientist explained. "It seems that - well, here we are. You can get briefed by Mac."

They entered Mac's office, a palatial room copied directly from the Supreme Headquarters of the German General Staff. Mac was seated behind his new desk, which O-O-Hate himself had saved for his chief when he and some other field agents sacked the offices of the Vietnam Day Committee in Berkeley. About the room sat other top figures of their agency: Plunderson, chief of public relations; Dr. Pilz; a technical consultant picked up in Operation Paperclip more than 20 years ago; Foo Chay, the beautiful Eurasian girl in charge of security; and General Rhode Runner, liaison with the Defense Department.

"Glad to see you, Mac," O-O-Hate greeted his chief. "What's the trouble?"

"Well, O-O-Hate," Mac replied when the newcomers were seated, "the agency feels that its image is in trouble. Hawkish sentiment has been slipping in the polls lately, and we have to take some spectacular step to call attention to our work again. So, as our top field agent, we're asking you to make some changes in your field operations which, we hope, will make the public more war-conscious."

"Sure, Mac. What is it?"

"Beginning today," Mac said to O-O-Hate, "you will have the services of a teen-age boy assistant!"

((What next? Will O-O-Hate get a teammate as he struggles against pacifist decadence? Who will be his partner in the never-ending fight for the American Way of War? Read next week's installment in GRAUSTARK #147.))

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SEVASTOPOL: Jose Cardinal Peericelli continued his sermon, reported in the last issue, as follows:

"As final proof of the utter depravity of Lorenzo Cardinal Peericelli, I point to his recent connection with the anti-pope 'Uriah IV'. In reality, Uriah is none other than Solomon, who figured that if Hagenlda could get away masquerading as Pope and Empress, he could pull off something similar. This scurrilous, disreputable, anti-Catholic, heretical, immoral, corrupt, and reprehensible group, which 'Uriah IV' heads and which is financed by tainted Perilandish funds, recently attempted to depose Pope Joan III and buy the papacy! If this were not enough, they propose to elevate Snoopy from a mere object of veneration to the level of 'Beloved Compatriot and Comforter of the Holy Grandmother of God.' Hrumph! If that isn't heresy, what is? Imagine! Holy Grandmother of God indeed!"

ST. PEERIGRAD (formerly San Diego, DEMI-TASS): Premier Levi Eskibble today breathed defiance at the Japanese occupation forces over Periland's official news agency, Radio Zion. Said he: "Nyaaaah! Finding Periland is like finding a needle in a haystack!" Eskibble also boasted that Lorenzo Cardinal Peericelli was on a trip to Berlin to win German support for efforts to oust the Japanese from Southern Calif. Good grief! To imagine that even the unprincipled Germans could stoop so low!

BROOKLYN (URRP): A scurrilous Brooklyn tabloid today announced its subscription to a Sevastopolitan wire service. "This service," said the editor, "is the successor to the old Russian service, TASS. Since Grand Sevastopol is only about half of old Russia, the new agency is called DEMI-TASS. Bulletins from this service, originating outside Grand Sevastopol, will be carefully identified as such."

SEVASTOPOL: At a press conference, conveniently called by Carl Turnoff, the aged and enfeebled Lucrezia, former Empress of Balkania and Light of All Men, heaped scorn upon the "strikingly stupid, incredibly incompetent, and patently preposterous attempts of the Salona Court" to continue to maintain that Countess Pilsudski (Empress Hagnelda II) is really Lucrezia herself. "Why, that poor inexperienced child couldn't... (deleted by Carl Turnoff's censors)... in five days as I could in five hours when I was myself. The only way Hagnelda could ever come close to matching my accomplishments would be if she were so foolish as to start Bordschabiazin treatments. And we all know what that will do, don't we?"

Cardinal Hutsendorff also appeared at the press conference and stated categorically that Hagnelda was not Lucrezia. "I can personally attest to that," he affirmed.

Carl Turnoff concluded the press conference by asserting that the person masquerading as Hagnelda while Hagnelda poses as Lucrezia is the eldest illegitimate daughter of Princess Svetsoxa. He promised to hold another press conference as soon as Lucrezia completes her visit to a secret and secluded Sevastopolitan health spa.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Princess Svetsoxa, interviewed at her stevedore job today, denied that she has an illegitimate daughter. "Them reports from Sevastopol are wrong," she told a reporter. "I ain't never had a baby. In fact, I ain't even sure what causes them. Mommy never told me."

SEVASTOPOL: Geritol Unltd. today hit an all time high on the Sevastopolitan Stock Exchange. Geritol Board Chairman Bud Collier declined comment on recent reports that 99% of all Geritol revenue is accounted for by Bourne-Vita sales.

BROOKLYN (DEMI-TASS): Dr. Eric Blank today returned to Brooklyn from Grand Sevastopol's Diplomacy Tournament. He is resuming his duties as President of the Free University of Brooklyn and Lecturer in Ethics.

BROOKLYN (DEMI-TASS): Dr. Eric Blank today fired Professor Ramrod Walkover for suggesting in one of his international relations seminars that balance of power considerations and national self-interest were the chief cornerstones of a nation's foreign policy. This notion is a clear violation of one of the central pillars of Dr. Blank's ethical philosophy, Blankmanship. Blankmanship, of course, holds to the primacy of moral considerations in the formation of foreign policy. Not only do Prof. Walkover's teachings violate this sacrosanct principle, but they would, further, allow one, on rare

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occasions, to judge his country's foreign policy to be slightly defensible, not to mention sane or well-intentioned...

BROOKLYN (DEMI-TASS): Dr. Eric Blank today fired that noted suffragette, Professor Bunny (Cuddles) Cartier, for advancing Platonism in her philosophy classes. "Moral absolutism shall not be tolerated at this university," declared the President. "Not only does moral absolutism lead to intolerance, narrowness, and bigotry, but, even more important, if a universally valid criterion for making moral judgments existed, it might be possible to demonstrate that I have, on occasion, done wrong; that, we all know, is clearly unacceptable."

BROOKLYN (URRP): The noted publisher Mutinus Nightstand, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Free University of Brooklyn, today announced that university President Eric Blank had been dismissed. "President Blank has fired several valuable members of the university staff," Mr. Nightstand said in an interview in the offices of a scurrilous local tabloid. "It is well known, and attested by the history of all nations, that moral considerations have absolutely no place in the formulation of foreign policy. The diplomat who cannot stab anyone in the back for his country's interest, and praise his victim as a martyr when that interest changes, is not worth his striped trousers. President Blank was equally wrong in opposing moral absolutism. There is, and shall remain as long as I am Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a moral absolute at the Free University of Brooklyn."

"What is that moral absolute?" a reporter asked.

"What I say, goes," the publisher replied.

"Why is it called 'The Board of Trustees'?" another reporter asked.

"Because me and all the other members were trustees together for a few years after one of our publishing ventures came to the attention of the courts," Mr. Nightstand replied. "When we got out we vowed to pool our profits and establish a university where our kind of literature would be studied."

ST. PETERGRAD (DEMI-TASS): Lorenzo Cardinal Peericelli today delivered a sermon on the virtues of celibacy.

SEVASTOPOL: Sevastopolitan medical authorities are rumored to have discovered penicillin!

SEVASTOPOL: Commenting upon the recent launching of the Balkanian craft Innocent XIV, First Minister of Truth, Propaganda, and Censorship Carl Turnoff noted that "the fact that the missile was the fourteenth of its series is of great significance. It has taken Balkania 14 attempts before reaching a single success. This is quite typical of Balkanians, afflicted as they are with Schlamperei." Turnoff also laughed at the claim of the Balkanian Propaganda Ministry that the launch involved something called an "interplanetary missile". "How absurd!" he exclaimed. "To think that Balkanians are capable of even repairing an internal combustion engine, much less this! Only the Brooklynese press would even bother to carry such obvious distortions of fact. The truth of this matter (a specialty of my Ministry) is contained in a report sent directly to Sevastopol by Baron Munchhausen, who was an eye-witness of the launch. He reports that it involved nothing more than the launching of the old dirigible formerly on Admiral Bayleov's flagship Satyr. Typically, not air mixed with laughing gas was used to lift the old bag, which has been rechristened the Hagnelda."

SEVASTOPOL: Ex-Empress Lucrezia of Balkania, Consort of Tsar Andre I of Grand Sevastopol, today began secret medical treatment which shall require her seclusion for the next three months. As she left the Fairwood Palace, the Tsar watched from an upper balcony. The look in his eyes was even wilder than normal, and his steel wool hair also seemed slightly messier than it usually is.

1967U - PRESS RELEASE

ST. PETERSBURG: "There will be no more misery; when the world is out rotisserie; yes we all will go together when we go!"

France and Turkey may each build one unit, and England must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1967" moves is SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER 1967 at NOON.

Dave Lebling reports that from 16 December to 2 January he'll be at 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852.

PARIS: A new premier has taken office in France today. He is General Westmorerusk, the dean of the French foreign service.

PARIS: General Westmorerusk announced today that French troops are being dispatched to Smyrna, to fight German aggression. He stated that the German troop concentrations in Smyrna have reached the same level as the Chinese troop concentrations in Vietnam, therefore it is essential to the security of the French to send troops to Smyrna, before the Germans land troops on the Piviera.

PARIS: A reporter asked General Westmorerusk today if it wasn't true that the impending dispatch of troops to Smyrna would leave fewer French soldiers to defend the motherland. The reporter was dismissed as a Germanist dupe.

ANKARA (AFP): Stern measures are being taken against the peace demonstrators who are asking that we unilaterally withdraw our forces from Apulia. It is obvious that this demonstration was manipulated from Rome. Any loyal Turks know that we are extremely anxious for peace, and our forces in Apulia are merely resisting Italian aggression. A count of the relative strengths of our armed forces should make that obvious.

MUNICH, RHINE DELTA (AFP): The pacification program continues, with the election of Pierre Lafitte Key, a true German, as the new Mayor of Munich. Mayor Key amassed a plurality with 33 percent of the vote. Of course, all members of the neutralist and pan-Germanic parties were barred from voting.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Karl Kautsky, an exiled German pacifist, today complained to the editor of a scurrilous Brooklyn tabloid that French occupation forces have committed atrocities in the occupied areas of his homeland. "They are practicing mass deportations," he said. "Word has just come in that Munich has been moved to the Rhine delta!"

NOTE: Mark Johnson has resigned as first-stand-by player in 1967V, since he has just been transferred to Labrador. Terry Kuch takes over in this role, and is asked to submit stand-by "Spring 1906" moves for Italy.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Bob Ward is still publishing Marsovia, and has sent copies of all issues through #21. A third party serving as a transmission belt neglected to transmit, which is why Marsovia was erroneously listed among the dead in GRAUSTARK #145. Jack Chalker is still publishing Barad-Dur, but doesn't know when the next issue will be out. I'm not going to complain overly loudly, since one of the other publications currently taking up his time will have an article of mine in it. ("Prolegomenon to a Constitutional History of the Planet Mongo.")

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Mike Childers has abandoned plans to publish a Diplomacy variant 'zine with the announced title Hostigos.

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STRUBECK #3 will publish in January. Owing to a lack of interest, that will be the last issue of that Chess fanzine. Subscriptions will be refunded. STRUBECK #3 will carry George Heap's article on the King-Princess endgame.

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Readers who have been following the 1966AA press releases about Princess Svetsoxa will be amused by Albert E. Kahn's review of Svetlana Stalina's Twenty Letters to a Friend in the December 1967 Ramparts. The review is in the form of a long blank-verse poem, "Smetana and the Beetles", which has also been published in book form by Random House. Kahn, a veteran figure in progressive publishing, tells of Princess Smetana, daughter of the Dictator Gremlin, who in search of identity goes to Midlandia to consult the Beetles, and winds up in Freeland, Inc., in the care of a Clerk-In-Attendance who usually goes just by his initials. ("But can she write?" a junior editor piped up. What a Hell of a Question to ask at Such a Time!)

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

GEORGE HEAP, Box 1487, Rochester, N. Y. 14603: I have a question, which is sort of academic after my moves, not to mention the Diplomatic correspondence of the past week ((ending 4 November)): Did Miller write the 1967U BERLIN Press Release in GRAUSTARK #142? In general, can I assume that Press releases emanating from areas (or News Services) controlled by a Major Power are really from that Major Power?

((Yes, if I catch it in time. For example, press releases emanating from the English player are datelined "Reuters", no matter what the origin of the report claims to be. For further elaboration, see the URRP, BIER, and DEMI-TASS reports in 1966AA. The report you specifically ask about was Miller's.))

MARGARET GEMIGNANI, 67 Windemere Road, Rochester, N. Y. 14610: I don't mind you misprinting my letters and taking things out of contents. I don't mind you printing your thankless messages instead of facts, your hurt jokes instead of two-sided arguments. I don't mind you sending in a lower rating than I really earned to Mc Callum. ((I do not send ratings to McCallum. And if you don't want your letters misprinted, please distinguish between "i" and "e" more clearly.)) Notice the differences between yours and his about twenty some points. I don't even mind you going back on your promises about AA. But when it comes to telling lies I draw the line.

John you are all wet if you believe I run Turkey into the ground in R. Cris got one of his builds from me and I have the back issues of GRAUSTARK to prove it. I don't think any of other players feel my playing run Turkey into the ground, nor does Cris. That's makes you, as usual, the majority of one.

When even the Cult can't stand you, you are in awful shape. They are quite Liberal minded and not at all a bunch of Hawks.

((To be expelled from an organization for your opposition to racism is a badge of honor.))

I don't mind you being a dove, mine own brothers are too. But they aren't dirty birds.

Do you always fight your oporents under the belt, or has something new bee has been added?

I could suggest you look into the facts about game R and correct your mistake but you aren't going to do that. It's against your unprinciples.

Let's have no more of that. No, I don't want to particape in a name calling contest with you or step on your freedom of speak. I just think in the future you should get your facts straight, at least on your own zine.

WILLIAM LEE LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: To my unsubtle brain, your "war is not a civil liberty" sounds like a non sequitur. Neither is the right to speak in favor of a war? ((See the editorial on the next page.)) My point was to refute your "shinbone logic" by turning it against you. As Hober Mal-low said "It's a poor atom blast that can't point both ways."

((An atom blast points in every direction. That's just the trouble.))

The trouble with argument from silence such as you use regarding the New York and Cleveland referendum petitions, is that the opposite claim can always be made. You claim that the omission of an anti-war proposition from the ballot proves it would have carried (!). I can claim that it would have been defeated. ((But the men who ruled the referenda off the ballot were for war; the reason they did so was obviously because it would have passed had it been voted on.)) And if a majority of the people are against the war, why did all those "upper-and-middle-class" voters allegedly put their profits ahead of their principles. ((People have been doing this for millenia.))

I must register a protest against the leading form in which the proposition was put in Cambridge (I think), calling for a withdrawal "so the Vietnamese can settle their own problems" (with Russian and Chinese guns). Do you think it right, for a government, to present one side of the question as the right one? ((Can you make your meaning more clear here? A referendum is always presented in positive language, so the voters can make their own choice. No assumption is made about the "rightness" or "wrongness" of the question by the government in so doing.))

WAR GAMES AND THE GAME OF WAR

This editorial is the first of a series of three which will appear in GRAUSTARKs #146, #147, and #148. These editorials will explore the following points: Whether war is desirable and/or necessary; what steps may be taken to end it; in what danger the world presently stands of war; war viewed as a game; and the appropriateness of discussion of war in a war games bulletin.

I. The Idea of War

"Wars do not break out automatically; they start in the minds of men, and man must commit himself to champion the soundness and value of alternative solutions. We have abandoned other outmoded concepts in other centuries that were just as firmly rooted in man's experience: slavery, for example, or feudalism, human sacrifice and the divine right of kings. It is becoming increasingly clear that war itself carries no fruits of victory and that all parties suffer in the disaster." - Dr. Andrew W. Cordier, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, 30 November 1967

War is one of the most ancient of human institutions. In the past 5,000 years, according to the best historical evidence available to the Fund for Education in World Order, there have been 14,513 wars. Over this period, which encompasses most of the course of human civilization, every fourth human being has been a war casualty. No disease, no natural disaster, no sort of accident, no other crime, has begun to approach the appalling toll of war in life, property, and the intangibles which go to make up civilized existence.

In fact, what is war? It is the sum total of millions of acts, each of which individually is regarded as a most heinous crime by the standards of any civilized society. The most vicious criminals in human history - Sawney Bean, Gilles de Retz, Elizabeth Brownrigg, Henri Landru, Aleister Crowley, Lawrence Rainey - have not killed as many as have men highly honored in history as military leaders. In fact, the crimes of de Retz are sometimes regarded as being offset in part by his record as a military man, when in fact he would have been a most notable killer had he never enticed a boy into those dungeons beneath his castle. Nor have the greatest thieves and arsonists destroyed a tithe of the property which perishes in warfare. And the bloodiest and most extreme revolutions which history records have not killed a fraction of the numbers who die in even the shortest wars - though in several cases, such as the French Revolution of 1789, it is difficult to distinguish between the revolution and the war into which it led.

This historical view, combined with the fact that the technical aspects of warfare have reached in recent years a state in which the extermination of humanity is literally possible, makes the ending of war the first order of business for the human race. At this stage there can be no point to distinguishing between "just" and "unjust" wars, between "wars of aggression" and "wars of national defense". These terms have become perverted beyond any recognizable meaning, and a man killed in one kind of war is just as dead as a man killed in another kind.

At this point the opponent of war should not let himself get involved in historical questions beginning with the words "what would you have done when...". No human agency can prevent World War II from breaking out. The task now is to stop all existing wars, and to prevent further wars. This holds for the American invasion of Vietnam, the Egyptian invasion of Yemen, the Israeli-Arab confrontation, the Greco-Turkish crisis, and all other situations of danger.

The urgent necessity to stop war may conflict with other values, and so people should be made to see clearly how the prevention of war has a higher priority. In this connection the question which poses the greatest soul-searching for the resident of a democracy is "Should the advocacy of war be permitted?" A negative answer to this question conflicts at first glance with deeply held convictions about freedom of speech, the press, opinion, and association. The idea that the expression of some opinion, the advocacy of some course of action, be prohibited is one which does not come easily to an

American - nor should it. Very strong reasons must be advanced for giving a negative answer to this question.

Yet there are already some topics whose advocacy is prohibited. Several states, including Illinois, prohibit the dissemination of propaganda which slanders or libels an ethnic group. These "group libel" laws were upheld as constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court in 1952, in the case of Illinois vs. Beauharnais. There is a long history of civil turmoil and criminal acts directly attributable to such propaganda, and a "group libel" law is one of several ways in which this problem should be met. Nor is there a civil libertarian anywhere in the world who would defend, on the grounds of freedom of speech and association, the association of a group of men to rob a bank, and their attempts to recruit others into this group.

Nor can freedom of speech cover incitement to riot in circumstances where there is an immediate specific danger of a specific riot. (This also has been upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court, in New York vs. Feiner, 1951.) But if incitement to riot is not protected then, a fortiori, neither is incitement to war.

Of course, such a ruling should be enforced with care. There is no need to yank the volumes of von Treitschke or Quinton out of the depths of libraries and burn them; no one was ever incited to march off to war by something he dug up in a dusty volume decades old. But specific advocacy of specific wars, and of specific warlike acts, should come under this heading. "Let's drop a H-bomb on Moscow," spoken by a Union Square crackpot, is beneath notice as incitement. But "Let's lob a few more mortar rounds into that village over there," is a direct incitement to a vicious crime. In civil society men have been hanged for such words even though they themselves did not pull the fatal trigger.

In their efforts against war, pacifists have taken what are commonly regarded as extreme measures. Yet no pacifist action, accomplished, planned, or wildly conjectured, causes the damage and death brought about by an average day of a limited war like the one in Vietnam. There is something grossly twisted in the mind of a person who accepts war as a necessary and unavoidable part of life, and yet gets angered by a peace demonstration which blocks the streets, breaks a window, or shrieks calumny upon the sex life of a President.

A lover of war might say, "I would rather die in war than live under a system objectionable to me." He has every right to make this decision for himself. He has no right to make this decision for his neighbors, his nation, any other nation, civilization, or humanity. And people who might be affected by his determination have every right to protect themselves against his attempts to get them all killed with him.

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In the spirit of Christmas conciliation, the editor sends his best wishes to the Hawks on his mailing list on the birthday of the man they presumably speak of as the Prince of War.